(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Fast speed trains

3800. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce fast speed trains in the country;

(b) whether any surveys have been made in this regard; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Ministry of Railways has decided to conduct pre-feasibility studies on six selected high speed passenger corridors. Out of these, study for Pune – Mumbai – Ahmedabad is in progress. Outcome of the study will be available after its completion.

Speed of goods trains

†3801. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the speed of goods trains is estimated between 19 kilometres to 30 kilometres in the country;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether by enhancing the speed limit of these trains, the quantity of goods transported can be increased; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Quantity of goods transported by rail primarily depends upon demand. However, increase in speeds will effect an improvement in turn round of wagons which will, to some extent, enable carriage of more quantity with the same fleet of rolling stock.

(d) Speed of fright trains depends upon the line capacity, trailing load carried, the wagon design and track parameters. Improvement in wagon design, track parameters etc. is a continuous process.

Problems faced by passengers due to milkmen

†3802. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that milkmen around Delhi enter into general bogies;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that train passengers have to face a lot of problems because of their activity and they have also complained many times in this regard; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to address this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Milkmen holding monthly milk vender tickets are authorized to travel in nominated coaches/trains only. However, some cases of milk venders travelling in other than these specified coaches/trains, causing inconvenience to *bona fide* passengers, have come to notice.

(c) Railway Protection Force/Government Railway Police are deputed to conduct regular checks to apprehend milkmen travelling in contravention of the specified instructions and charge them as per rules.

Repair and expansion of stations in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh

†3803. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of railway stations identified for repair and expansion in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh during financial year 2008-09;

(b) the details of amount allocated to each station for this purpose, station-wise; and

(c) by when repair and expansion works of identified stations are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Names of railway stations identified for repairs and expansion in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh during financial year 2008-09 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Repairs and expansion of railway stations are undertaken under Plan Head-Passenger Amenities. Station-wise allocation of funds for this purpose is not maintained. However, allocation of funds under this Plan Head, during 2008-09, for the Railways which cover stations in the States of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh is as under:

Sl. No.	Railways	Allocation of funds during 2008-09 (Figures in crore of Rs.)
1.	Central Railway	53.34
2.	North Central Railway	27.97
3.	Southeast Central Railway	15.05
4.	West Central Railway	22.59
5.	Western Railway	62.65

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